

SENATE BILL 623
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 5, relative to training and certification of certain emergency personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-140-524. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any municipality or county having a population in excess of two hundred thousand (200,000) is authorized to train and certify emergency medical technician-paramedics employed by such municipality or county; provided, that the courses, curricula and minimum standards for training such personnel must meet the criteria established by the emergency medical services board which are generally required for approved schools pursuant to § 68-140-504; and provided further, that all instructors used for such training and certification must be certified by the commissioner as an instructor for such purposes.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 68-140-505, the examination of EMT-Ps trained by a municipality or county pursuant to subsection (a) shall be conducted by

such municipality or county and such municipality or county shall issue the appropriate licenses, permits and certificates to those EMT-Ps successfully completing the examination; provided, that such examinations shall be approved by the commissioner prior to being administered by the municipality or county.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.